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Action Items from 15-16 Jul Acquisition Steering Committee Meeting:

Note - These are not comprehensive minutes but rather key issues/items and action items

1. PADDS/TACS Enhancements:
    - AMC Concept: 1) Use CACI for AMC Data Hub which includes the TACS EIS interface initiative; 2) For the WEB EC initiative (TACS and SAACONS) , use CACI for AMC Homepage, MSCs for their Homepage, and MICOM CIC for interfaces; 3) Use MICOM CIC for the TACS Database enhancements; 4) Use MICOM CIC for the TACS Workflow Manager (WFM) Interface as they are using a WEB based WFM now, also included here would be the TACS Remote (WEB) Access. Concept approved. Action - None
    - Key initiatives: 1) AMC Data Hub (DD350/1057 & AMC127 data) with Commercial WEB Based Executive Information System (EIS) interface; Task now under contract with CACI Federal; 2) AMC Acquisition Electronic Commerce on the Internet. Action - None
    - Consider reprogramming the "TACS Retail Functional Description" funds. Action - AMCRDA-AT
    - Concerns regarding "TACS Remote Site Processing": We CAN do it today, the initiative is for Internet access/processing of TACS to minimize/eliminate the need for telecommunications infrastructure (T1/T3 link for "telnet") required to operate TACS remotely today. Action - None

2. AMC Contract Reporting Data Hub:
    - Awarded to CACI; Consensus that this is top priority (can lend credibility to AMC Systems Offices); Focus on AMC Corporate Data but MAY have MSC application provided MSC's can (if necessary) use the data with their existing EISs. Action - None
    - MSC involvement in defining data queries, screen design, and report layouts; CECOM (Steve Cluney) expressed interest in participating. Involvement will be solicited but AMC will resolve all formatting issues. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Invite MSCs to participate
    - Enterprise decision regarding architecture (and an AMC EIS in particular) to provide common ground for all MSCs. Decision is outside purview of Acquisition Business Area; requires coordination with CECOM as EA for AMC IT. Action - AMCRDA-AT: 1) Inform POCs of CECOM and AMC-CIO Interview schedule to ensure Acquisition involvement in CECOM EA's AMC Architecture Task; 2) Inform all POCs of resulting architecture output from CECOM EA immediately upon receipt.

3. TDP MIS Pilot Project:
    - Concerns raised about viability of TDP MIS project; concerns narrowed those impacting the Pilot itself: 1) Charge for Government access (with access defined as view of data to ensure proper posting) - This was considered a possible show stopper for the Pilot; 2) Project savings and DoD/Army's share of the savings; 3) Acceptance metrics for the Pilot (Government and Vendor); 4) Vendor participation in the Pilot; 5) Request for Life Cycle Management documentation for the project. Action - AMCRDA-AT: RDA-AT will communicate concerns/questions to NTIS and their vendor
    - Concerns raised about information flow from AMC to the field. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Ensure full dissemination/disclosure of all information

4. SPS Update:
   - SPS Release: Version 4 (SAACONS replacement) will be ready (development complete) in Oct 98. SAACONS replacement deployment will
      begin then. Army schedule has not been defined as yet though AMC sites will probably be at the end due to interface requirements -
      conservative GUESS is close to a year after development. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Keep information flowing to POCs
   - SPS Release: Version 5 (TACS replacement) will be developed by mid 1999. Again, deployment will be based on degree of interface
      requirements. SPS PMO believes TACS interface requirements to be (perhaps) the most difficult - Conservative GUESS for deployment is
      mid to late 2000. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Keep information flowing to POCs
   - SPS infrastructure: Army is responsible for all hardware and telecommunications for SPS. This has been budgeted for centrally - it is a
      recognized (though unapproved) Unfunded Requirement (UFR). Detailed infrastructure requirements are as yet unavailable, e.g., hardware
      configurations and LAN requirements - Best guess for hardware is AMS' configuration requirements (handed out at the meeting). Action -
      AMCRDA-AT: 1) Provide POCs all configuration updates; 2) Provide SPS PMO with current MSC LAN configurations and pass any
      C3I/CECOM EA architecture guidance impacting hardware/telecommunications infrastructure
   - SPS PMO has stated that accelerated deployment of SPS is being considered. Impact on above deployment date guesses is unknown. Army
      position however is still no acceptance of SPS until existing functionality (including interfaces) is met or exceeded: Action - MSC
      Representatives: Inform AMCRDA-AT of any site requesting consideration for early deployment - Note - CECOM's CAWOO in Alexandria
      offered as a candidate for early deployment of the SPS version designed to replace TACS
   - SPS Users: License issue remains regarding "users" of SPS. Population numbers given to the SPS PMO to date have been 1100 series. Data
      collection in process now to capture other SPS users, e.g., SBA, Legal, Item Managers. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Re-send SPS user data call
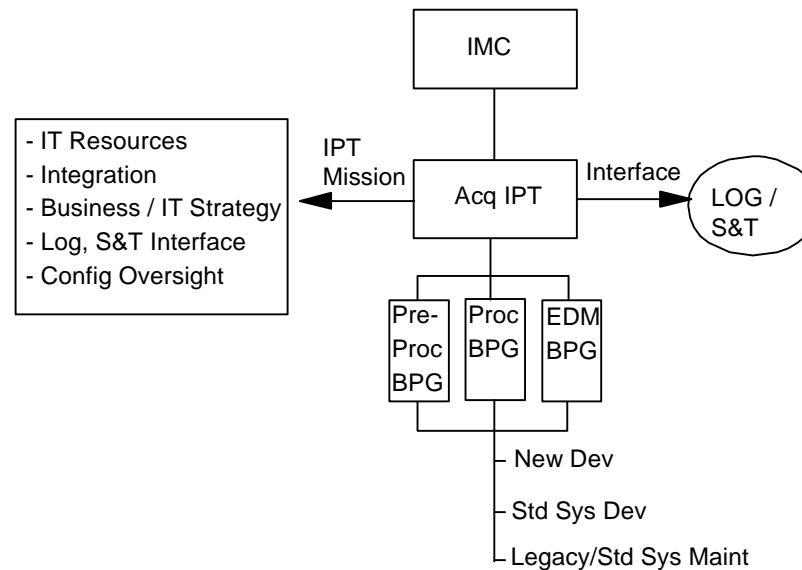
5. AMC Systems Offices:
   - Consensus from MSC representatives was that, with regard to legacy system sustainment, the MSC senior management did not place a high
      enough priority on the need for this service throughout AMC. The fear was that the systems offices would take an inordinate number of hits
      to support downsizing/rightsizing. Action - 1) AMCRDA-AT to coordinate briefing to Mr. Tull and/or the PARCS at the next PARC
      Conference; CECOM to lead effort (with AMC participation) to create the presentation/brief

6. PADDS/TACS Releases in light of SPS
   - Consensus reached: Continue with TACS releases - no moratorium for Action - None
   - TACS releases in light of the AMCLG push for 4 releases a year: Consensus reached to continue with TACS releases as needed. However,
      ECPs will be examined for impact on other applications and addressed on a case by case basis. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Check on ability to
      provide additional funds to MICOM CIC/LSSC for legacy sustainment and a release schedule greater than 4 per year

7. AMC ALT/PLT IPT:

- Team is in place; changes to business processes and metric reporting expected. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Provide update to POCs (possibly use the BPG meeting venue) after completion of IPT trip to TACOM the week of 21 Jul 97

8. Future of BPM in AMC and Acquisition Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities
   - The group could not derive how the Steering Committee would fit in AMC organizationally and how the current offices' (LAISO, LBIS, LBIS/BOD, IMC, CCSS CCB) mission/function would be affected. Action - AMCRDA-AT: Work this with AMC DCSs
   - Acq IPT Mission: The mission was defined as follows in the graphic (Note - titles still need work):

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- Acq IPT Action: AMCRDA-AT to execute charter

9. WEB EC Strategy
- Concept is to develop standards (naming conventions, data, etc.) that allow flexibility at each site. Site Homepages will be the sites' responsibility. AMC's Homepage will represent the single face to industry and include CCB type summary information to present the AMC

enterprise view of open solicitations with links to each sites' Homepage. AMC will fund interface development, AMC's Homepage, and assist in individual site Homepage development/augmentation when possible. Action - None

- Consensus reached on the EDMS PMO Document and the approach above: Approved as presented. Action - MSCs: Provide any comments to Paul Behrens with copy to Mike Thompson by the week of 21 Jul.
- Group agreed to establish a WEB EC team to take the EC Strategy Document to the next level - "a Fully Executable WEB Acquisition EC Strategy for AMC". A meeting was scheduled for 5-6 August in St. Louis for this action. LSSC (Ms. Safranski) will coordinate the necessary meeting room requirements; AMCRDA-AT will provide funding for no more than 2 persons per site and ensure there is TACS and SAACONS system representation present; Individuals with the following background are required: 1) Technical Data Management; 2) WEB; 3) Acquisition Business area, to include Acquisition systems. Action: AMCRDA-AT/PM-EDMS: Mr. Behrens to coordinate meeting
- Group recommended that a Market Survey of sorts be conducted to capitalize on WEB EC efforts throughout industry and the Federal Government. Sources recommended were ECRC, GE, Toyota, Sterling. Action: WEB EC Team follow up on recommendation
- CECOM presented their concept regarding a WEB EC architectural approach. Concept is to use Lotus Notes and Domino as the AMC Central WEB Server. Presentation was impressive and approach innovative yet sound. However, issues were raised/discussed including: 1) Lotus/Domino as a document oriented database vice a Data oriented database; 2) Centralized aspect of WEB EC operations; 3) WEB EC interfaces with Legacy systems/applications. Action - WEB EC Team: Discuss varying approaches and derive a recommendation (with rationale) at the conclusion of the 5-6 meeting